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1. HIGHLIGHTS. WEDNESDAY PAPERS FEATURED CHIEFLY DOMESTIC
ITEMS; WASHPOST FRONTPAGED LOCAL, SOVIETS ACT TO STILL

CRITICS IN CONGRESS. NYTIMES INSIDE HAD BEECHER, US SAYS SOVIETS IMPROVE ICBMS; WASHPOST HAD JAPANESE PREMIER WON' T RULE OUT NUKES FOR AIR DEFENSE OR LAND- MINES.

1 A. THURSDAY PAPERS FRONTPAGE RUSSIA SUSPENDS EMIGRANT TAXATION. INSIDE SOME HAVE BREZHNEV VISIT HERE, ALSO SOVIET SPACESHOT FORESEEN SOON. SOME SALT COMMENT.

2. BREZHNEV. BALTSUN HAD WASHINGTON REUTER REPORTING PRESIDENT NIXON CONFIRMED YESTERDAY BREZHNEV WILL VISIT US THIS YEAR AND SAID THEIR TALKS WILL COVER POLICIES TO ENSURE PEACE. REUTER ADDS PRESIDENT DIDN' T GIVE A DATE FOR VISIT, DISCLOSED VISIT WHEN HE MET IN WHITE HOUSE WITH SIX RUSSIAN GYMNASTS.

2 A. NYTIMES GWERTZMAN WASHINGTON REPORTS ADMINISTRATION

OFFICIALS SAID WEDNESDAY THEY EXPECT BREZHNEV TO VISIT IN JUNE, OFFICIALS ADDING THAT THE DETAILS OF BREZHNEV' S TRIP HAVEN' T BEEN WORKED OUT. ACCORDING GWERTZMAN, MAIN STUMBLING BLOCK HAS BEEN CONGRESSIONAL OPPOSITION TO APPROVING TRADE LEGISLATION UNTIL MOSCOW ADOPTS A FREER EMIGRATION POLICY BUT TODAY STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS EXPRESSED CAUTIOUS OPTIMISM THAT MOSCOW MIGHT HAVE DECIDED TO LET SOVIET JEWS DEPART WITHOUT PAYING TAX BASED ON EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT, A STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL ADDING THAT SOVIET TAX DECISION AND SHULTZ- BREZHNEV MEETING WERE PROBABLY LINKED. GWERTZMAN ADDS THAT OTHER SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS POINTED TO THE DESIRE OF ADMINISTRATION AND KREMLIN TO PROVIDE SUITABLE CLIMATE FOR NIXON- BREZHNEV MEETING, CITING SIGNATURE YESTERDAY OF TWO TRADE CREDIT AGREEMENTS WITH RUSSIANS, NSF ANNOUNCEMENT OF 25 COOPERATIVE SCIENCE PROGRAMS, NIXON MEETING WITH GYMNASTS. GWERTZMAN REPORTS ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS SAID SINCE SIGNATURE OF VIETNAM AGREEMENTS JANUARY 27 THERE HAS BEEN DISTINCT IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONS WITH MOSCOW, ONE OFFICIAL SAYING: THE SOVIETS HAVE SHOWN A CLEAR INTEREST IN REACHING AGREEMENT ON A NUMBER OF MATTERS AND THEY SEEM IN A RUSH TO DO SO. GWERTZMAN ADDS UNCLASSIFIED

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THAT BEFORE VIETNAM AGREEMENT SOVIET OFFICIALS TOLD AMERICAN DIPLOMATS AND JOURNALISTS THAT BREZHNEV VISIT WOULD PROBABLY BE DELAYED UNTIL LATE IN YEAR BUT APPARENTLY POLITBURO THEN DECIDED IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE IT SOONER. ACCORDING GWERTZMAN, ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS SAID ECONOMIC MATTERS WOULD PROBABLY PLAY A LARGE ROLE IN NIXON- BREZHNEV TALKS. GWERTZMAN DESCRIBES THREE CREDIT AGREEMENTS.

3. SOVIET POLICIES. WASHPOST DODER LOCAL REPORTS SOVIET

UNION REVEALED YESTERDAY THAT IT HAS SUSPENDED THE 8-MONTH- OLD DECREE REQUIRING HEAVY EXIT FEES FROM UNIVERSITY- EDUCATED SOVIET CITIZENS EMIGRATING TO NON- COMMUNIST COUNTRIES, AND MOVE APPEARED TO BE TIMED TO SECURE US CONGRESSIONAL PASSAGE OF A TRADE AGREEMENT GRANTING SOVIET UNION MFN STATUS. DODER SAYS DISCLOSURE ON EMIGRATION COINCIDED WITH FIRST EXTENSION OF CREDITS BY EXIM BANK AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF SERIES OF JOINT SCIENTIFIC PROJECTS.

3 A. BALTSUN HAS PARKS MOSCOW REPORTING INDEFINITE SUSPENSION OF CONTROVERSIAL EDUCATION TAX ON EMIGRANTS, PARKS CITING ONE SOVIET SOURCE: KREMLIN HAD DECIDED AT HIGHEST LEVEL THAT IMPROVEMENTS IN SOVIET- AMERICAN RELATIONS WERE FAR MORE IMPORTANT THAN KEEPING A COUPLE HUNDRED JEWS HERE UNTIL THEY PAID FOR THEIR EDUCATION.

3 B. NYTIMES HEDRICK SMITH MOSCOW SAYS SOVIET AUTHORITIES, IN CLEAR BID FOR AMERICAN CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF TRADE CONCESSIONS FROM US, SOUGHT TO CONVEY IMPRESSION THAT EDUCATION TAX ON JEWISH EMIGRANTS HAD BEEN LIFTED PERMANENTLY, BUT AMEMBASSY SAID IT HAD NO OFFICIAL WORD AND SOVIET SOURCES WOULDN' T ASSERT THAT THE TAXES WOULDN' T BE REIMPOSED AT A LATER DATE, AS CONTENTED BY JEWISH ACTIVISTS. SMITH ADDS THAT BEYOND EDUCATIONAL TAX SOVIET UNION CHARGES OVER THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR EXIT VISA.

4. SOVIET MISSILES. BALTSUN REUTER WASHINGTON REPORTS SOVIET HAVE SUCCESSFULLY TESTED ADVANCED VERSION OF SS-11 ICBM, CALLED SS-17, THAT CARRIES COMPUTER TO SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVE ACCURACY, ACCORDING TO INFORMED SOURCES. MILITARY OBSERVERS SAY PERFECTION OF SYSTEM COULD IMPROVE ACCURACY TO POINT WHERE MISSILE COULD BE DIRECTED AT US MINUTEMAN
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MISSILE SITES.

4 A. WEDNESDAY NYTIMES BEECHER WASHINGTON REPORTED ADMINISTRATION MILITARY ANALYSTS SAY SOVIETS HAVE CONDUCTED FIRST SUCCESSFUL TEST OF COMPUTER ABOARD NEW ICBM, IMPROVING ACCURACY OF SS-11 TO POINT WHERE IT COULD BE USED TO ATTACK US MINUTEMAN SILOS AS WELL AS CITIES AND AIRFIELDS. ACCORDING BEECHER, ADMINISTRATION ANALYSTS SAY COMPUTER DEVELOPMENT COULD ALSO MARKEDLY ADVANCE TIME WHEN SOVIETS MIGHT DEVELOP ACCURATE MIRV' S. OFFICIALS ALSO SAY SOVIET TECHNOLOGICAL PROGRESS COULD HAVE IMPACT BOTH ON SALT AND ADMINISTRATION INTEREST IN IMPROVING CAPABILITY OF EXISTING MIRV' S. WEDNESDAY WASHSTAR HEADED BEECHER ARTICLE, SOVIET MISSILE ADVANCE COULD EXPOSE US SILOS.

4 B. THURSDAY NYTIMES WILFORD LOCAL REPORTS MILITARY

INTELLIGENCE SOURCES SAY, ACCORDING AP, IT APPEARS LIKELY SOVIETS WILL SEND ALOFT A SALYUT SPACE STATION, PERHAPS IN TIME TO UPSTAGE US SKYLAB PROJECT, AND THEN USE SOYUZ SPACECRAFT TO CARRY COSMONAUTS TO AND FROM SPACE STATION.

5. COMMENT. PHILA INQUIRER EDITORIAL HAILS RESUMPTION OF SALT TALKS WHICH COULD REMOVE CLOUD OF POTENTIAL ANNIHILATION HANGING OVER BOTH COUNTRIES AND ADDS ITS HOPE THAT COMPREHENSIVE AGREEMENT CAN BE ACHIEVED SOONER THAN THE THREE YEARS PREDICTED IN INFORMAL SPECULATION.

5 A. HOUSTON POST MARCH 12 EDITORIAL REPORTED SALT ONE MISTAKES AS VIEWED BY DR. VAN CLEAVE AND HOLDS HE MAY BE RIGHT IN SUGGESTING THAT, INSTEAD OF RIGID TERMS HASHED OUT IN WASHINGTON BEFORE RUSSIA'S PROPOSALS ARE KNOWN, US SHOULD ADOPT NEGOTIATION GUIDELINES AND A SET OF OBJECTIVES.

5 B. ST. LOUIS POST- DISPATCH MARCH 14 SAYS RESUMED SALT TWO SESSIONS WILL BE IMPORTANT FOR REVEALING TO RUSSIANS AMERICAN RESPONSE TO THEIR MIRV OVERTURE, PAPER ADDING US ADVANTAGE IN MIRV OUGHT TO BE USED AS LEVER TO REDUCE FORCE LEVELS FOR BOTH COUNTRIES AND IN VARIED FIELD
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